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When the black-out last August occurred, we had a portable XM radio while we were away on the New Jersey Shore. Because of the blackout, our ability to monitor our business in Westchester County, NY and hear about the status of the areas in which our family and friends live was very limited on regular news stations. Thanks to XM radio, we had the ability to listen to several news broadcasts for information concerning those areas, not to mention it gave us peace of mind in a very stressful time. We felt connected to the world when phones, cell phones and many other forms of communication were not available. I'll never forget the crowd of people on the beach that gathered around our XM radio to hear what was going on. If that is not benefiting from news broadcasts on XM radio, than I don't know what is! We strongly oppose HR 4026!